

# Congressional Record.

## PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

### SENATE.

MONDAY, December 4, 1916.

The first Monday of December being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of Congress, the second session of the Sixty-fourth Congress commenced this day.

The Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol.

The Vice President (THOMAS R. MARSHALL, of Indiana) called the Senate to order at 12 o'clock noon.

#### PRAYER.

The Chaplain, Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, the representatives of the people have gathered together to give direction to the course of the civil affairs of this great Nation. We recognize Thy good hand that has led us on from the beginning until this day. We acknowledge before Thee first of all our infinite debt of gratitude and would make mention of Thy name, the name of the God of our fathers, which is above every name to us and to the Nation.

We desire to renew our covenant with Thee to enter into heartiest accord with Thy will and Thy purpose. We praise Thee that Thou dost continue us in brotherly spirit and unity of purpose; that nothing has occurred in this Nation since we last met which has separated brother from brother or our recognition of our common interests or the pursuit of our high ideals. We pray that Thou wilt continue to us the blessings of the past; that Thou wilt give to us a common purpose, the strength of conviction and loyalty to the great ideals of our national life.

We name before Thee in loving memory and in high appreciation one who has departed from us since we last met. We praise Thy name for the high example that he has set, for the service that he has rendered to the country, for the memory that abides to be cherished on through the days of our national life.

We pray Thee to equip these men whom Thou dost this day call into Thy service of leadership, that they may have wisdom and grace to follow the example of those who have lived high lives and have served Thee humbly and faithfully, so that they may have a part in the future glory of our great Nation.

Forgive our national sins. Accept our praises for Thy loving-kindness, and bless all the people. For Christ's sake. Amen.

#### SENATORS PRESENT.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Senators, the hour having arrived at which, in accordance with the mandate of the Constitution of the United States and the custom heretofore observed, it becomes the duty of the Congress of the United States to assemble, the Secretary will call the roll to determine whether a constitutional number of Senators is present.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Ashurst	Hardwick	Nelson	Smith, Md.
Bankhead	Hitchcock	Newlands	Smith, S. C.
Beckham	Hollis	Norris	Smoot
Borah	Hughes	O'Gorman	Sterling
Brady	Husting	Oliver	Stone
Brandegee	James	Overman	Sutherland
Bryan	Johnson, Me.	Owen	Swanson
Chamberlain	Johnson, S. Dak.	Page	Taggart
Chilton	Kenyon	Penrose	Thomas
Clapp	Kern	Pittman	Thompson
Clark	La Follette	Pomerene	Tillman
Culberson	Lane	Reed	Townsend
Cummins	Lea, Tenn.	Robinson	Underwood
Curtis	Lee, Md.	Saulsbury	Vardaman
Dillingham	Lewis	Shafroth	Walsh
Fletcher	Lippitt	Sheppard	Warren
Gallinger	Lodge	Sherman	Weeks
Goff	McCumber	Shields	Williams
Gore	McLean	Simmons	Works
Gronna	Martin, Va.	Smith, Ariz.	
Harding	Martine, N. J.	Smith, Ga.	

Mr. PITTMAN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Senator from California [Mr. PHELAN] has been unavoidably detained and will be here Wednesday.

Mr. VARDAMAN. Mr. President, I desire to announce the unavoidable absence of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BROUSSARD], who is detained from the Senate on account of illness.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Eighty-two Senators have answered to the roll call.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE.

Mr. KERN submitted the following resolution (S. Res. 278), which was read, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. KERN submitted the following resolution (S. Res. 279), which was read and considered by unanimous consent:

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed as the committee Mr. KERN and Mr. GALLINGER.

#### HOOR OF DAILY MEETING.

Mr. KERN submitted the following resolution (S. Res. 280), which was read, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the hour of daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian until otherwise ordered.

#### RECESS.

Mr. KERN. I move that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 11 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m., when it reassembled.

#### THE JOURNAL.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair is informed that the Journal of the proceedings of the Senate of September 7 last has never been approved. Is there any objection to the formal approval of the Journal of that day? The Chair hears none, and it stands approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. South, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, appeared and delivered the following message:

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled and that the House is ready for business.

Also, that a committee of three were appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with the committee on the part of the Senate to wait on the President of the United States and to notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, and that Mr. KITCHIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. MANN were appointed as a committee on the part of the House.

Further, that the House has agreed to a concurrent resolution authorizing the two Houses of Congress to assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 5th day of December, 1916, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving such communications as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make them, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Also, that the House has agreed to a concurrent resolution authorizing such bills and joint resolutions as passed both Houses at the last session of the Congress, and which for want of time were either not presented to the two Houses for the signature of their presiding officers, or, having been thus presented and signed, were not presented to the President for approval, to be now enrolled as of this session of the Congress, etc., in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Further, that the House communicates to the Senate the intelligence of the death of the Hon. LUIS MUÑOZ RIVERA, late Resident Commissioner of Porto Rico, and transmits resolutions of the House thereon.

Also, that the House has passed resolutions relative to the life and public services of Hon. JAMES P. CLARKE, late a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. KERN and Mr. GALLINGER appeared; and

Mr. KERN said: Mr. President, your committee appointed to act with a like committee upon the part of the House of Representatives to notify the President of the United States that both Houses of Congress were organized and ready to do business, and to ascertain his desires with reference to communicating with Congress, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty. We have been informed by the President that he will be pleased to address both Houses of Congress in joint convention on to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 1 o'clock postmeridian.

#### JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO HOUSES.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following concurrent resolution (No. 62) of the House of Representatives, which was read:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 5th day of December, 1916, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving such communications as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make them.*

Mr. KERN. Mr. President, I ask for the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to.

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following concurrent resolution (No. 61) of the House of Representatives, which was read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That such bills and joint resolutions as passed both Houses at the last session of the Congress, and which for want of time were either not presented to the two Houses for the signatures of their presiding officers, or, having been thus presented and signed, were not presented to the President for approval, be now enrolled as of this session of the Congress, reported for the signatures of the presiding officers of the two Houses, and presented to the President for his approval.*

#### DEATH OF SENATOR JAMES P. CLARKE.

Mr. ROBINSON submitted the following resolutions (S. Res. 281), which were read:

*Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. JAMES P. CLARKE, late a Senator from the State of Arkansas and President pro tempore of the Senate.*

*Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.*

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions submitted by the Senator from Arkansas.

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Mr. ROBINSON. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of my late colleague, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, December 5, 1916, at 12 o'clock meridian.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 4, 1916.

This being the day designated by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the Members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Hall for the second session of the Sixty-fourth Congress, and at 12 o'clock m. were called to order by the Speaker.

#### PRAYER.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

We invoke Thy blessing, Almighty God our Heavenly Father, upon the closing session of the Sixty-fourth Congress, now convened to conclude its work; that each Representative may be profoundly impressed with the responsibility resting upon him, and may put his whole soul with patriotic fervor into his task.

Be graciously near to the Speaker of this House, that he may preside over its deliberations with skill, justice, and equity to all, and lead on to the desired legislative enactments, that they may be clean-cut, far-reaching, and redound to the good of the people here represented.

May the light of Heaven guide our President and his advisers, that he may meet and solve with firmness, justice, and equal rights to all concerned the intricate problems which now confront us and which may arise under the new conditions brought about by the nations engaged in strife, that peace and prosperity may continue throughout our borders.

Let wisdom guide our judiciary, that their judgments may be true and righteous altogether, that the coordinate branches of our Government may work together in harmony, in accordance with the laws which Thou hast ordained, to the glory and honor of Thy Holy Name, under the spiritual leadership of the world's great Exemplar, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### ROLL CALL BY STATES.

The SPEAKER directed the Clerk to call the roll by States to ascertain the presence of a quorum, when the following-named Members responded:

##### ALABAMA.

Oscar L. Gray.  
S. Hubert Dent, jr.  
Henry B. Steagall.  
Frederick L. Blackmon.  
J. Thomas Heflin.

William B. Oliver.  
John L. Burnett.  
Edward B. Almon.  
George Huddleston.  
John W. Abercrombie.

##### ARIZONA.

Carl Hayden.

##### ARKANSAS.

Thaddeus H. Caraway.  
William A. Oldfield.  
John N. Tillman.  
Otis Wingo.

Henderson M. Jacoway.  
Samuel M. Taylor.  
William S. Goodwin.

##### CALIFORNIA.

John E. Raker.  
Charles F. Curry.  
Julius Kahn.  
John I. Nolan.

John A. Elston.  
Charles H. Randall.  
William Kettner.

##### COLORADO.

Benjamin C. Hilliard.  
Charles B. Timberlake.

Edward Keating.  
Edward T. Taylor.

##### CONNECTICUT.

P. Davis Oakey.  
Richard P. Freeman.  
John Q. Tilson.

Ebenezer J. Hill.  
James P. Glynn.

##### DELAWARE.

Thomas W. Miller.

##### FLORIDA.

Stephen M. Sparkman.

Frank Clark.

##### GEORGIA.

Frank Park.  
Charles R. Crisp.  
William C. Adamson.  
William S. Howard.

James W. Wise.  
Samuel J. Tribble.  
Carl Vinson.  
Dudley M. Hughes.

##### IDAHO.

R. M. McCracken.

Addison T. Smith.

##### ILLINOIS.

Martin B. Madden.  
James R. Mann.  
William W. Wilson.  
James T. McDermott.  
Adolph J. Sabath.  
James McAndrews.  
Frank Buchanan.  
Thomas Gallagher.  
Fred A. Britten.  
George Edmund Foss.  
Ira C. Copley.  
Charles E. Fuller.  
John C. McKenzie.

Edward J. King.  
Claudius U. Stone.  
John A. Sterling.  
Joseph G. Cannon.  
William B. McKinley.  
Henry T. Rainey.  
Loren E. Wheeler.  
William A. Rodenberg.  
Martin D. Foster.  
Thomas S. Williams.  
Edward E. Denison.  
Burnett M. Chipfield.  
Wm. Elza Williams.

##### INDIANA.

William A. Cullop.  
William E. Cox.  
Lincoln Dixon.  
Finly H. Gray.  
Merrill Moores.  
John A. M. Adair.

Martin A. Morrison.  
William R. Wood.  
George W. Rauch.  
Cyrus Cline.  
Henry A. Barnhart.

##### IOWA.

Charles A. Kennedy.  
Harry E. Hull.  
Burton E. Sweet.  
James W. Good.  
C. William Ramseyer.

Cassius C. Dowell.  
Horace M. Townner.  
William R. Green.  
Frank P. Woods.

##### KANSAS.

Daniel R. Anthony, jr.  
Philip P. Campbell.  
Dudley Doolittle.  
Guy T. Helvering.

John R. Connelly.  
Jouett Shouse.  
William A. Ayres.

##### KENTUCKY.

Alben W. Barkley.  
David H. Kincheloe.  
Robert Y. Thomas, jr.  
Ben Johnson.  
Swagar Sherley.  
Arthur B. Rouse.

James C. Cantrill.  
Harvey Helm.  
William J. Fields.  
John W. Langley.  
Caleb Powers.

##### LOUISIANA.

Albert Estopinal.  
H. Garland Dupré.  
Whitell P. Martin.  
John T. Watkins.

Riley J. Wilson.  
Ladislav Lazaro.  
James B. Aswell.



<p>Asher C. Hinds. Daniel J. McGillicuddy.</p>	<p>MAINE. John A. Peters. Frank E. Guernsey.</p>	<p>William S. Vare. George S. Graham. J. Hampton Moore. George W. Edmonds. Peter E. Costello. George P. Darrow. Thomas S. Butler. Henry W. Watson. John R. Farr. John J. Casey. Robert D. Heaton. Arthur G. Dewalt. Louis T. McFadden. Edgar R. Kiess. John V. Leshner. Benjamin K. Focht.</p>	<p>PENNSYLVANIA. Aaron S. Kreider. Warren W. Bailey. C. William Beales. Charles H. Rowland. Abraham L. Keister. Robert F. Hopwood. Henry W. Temple. Henry J. Steele. S. Taylor North. Stephen G. Porter. William H. Coleman. John M. Morin. Andrew J. Barchfield. Thomas S. Crago. Mahlon M. Garland. John R. K. Scott.</p>
<p>Jesse D. Price. J. Fred. C. Talbott. Charles P. Coady.</p>	<p>MARYLAND. J. Charles Linthicum. Sydney E. Mudd.</p>	<p>Walter R. Stiness.</p>	<p>RHODE ISLAND. Ambrose Kennedy.</p>
<p>Allen T. Treadway. Frederick H. Gillett. Calvin D. Paige. Samuel E. Winslow. Michael F. Phelan. Frederick W. Dallinger. Ernest W. Roberts.</p>	<p>MASSACHUSETTS. Peter F. Tague. George Holden Tinkham. James A. Gallivan. William H. Carter. Richard Olney 2d. William S. Greene. Joseph Walsh.</p>	<p>Richard S. Whaley. James F. Byrnes.</p>	<p>SOUTH CAROLINA. Sam J. Nicholls. Asbury F. Lever.</p>
<p>Frank E. Doremus. John M. C. Smith. Edward L. Hamilton. Carl E. Mapes. Patrick H. Kelley. Louis C. Cramton.</p>	<p>MICHIGAN. Joseph W. Fordney. James C. McLaughlin. George A. Loud. Frank D. Scott. W. Frank James. Charles A. Nichols.</p>	<p>Sam R. Sells. Richard W. Austin. John A. Moon. Cordell Hull. William C. Houston.</p>	<p>SOUTH DAKOTA. Charles H. Dillon.</p>
<p>Sydney Anderson. Charles R. Davis. Carl C. Van Dyke. George R. Smith. Charles A. Lindbergh.</p>	<p>MINNESOTA. Andrew J. Volstead. Clarence B. Miller. Halvor Steenerson. Thomas D. Schall.</p>	<p>Eugene Black. Martine Dies. James Young. Sam Rayburn. Hatton W. Summers. Rufus Hardy. Joe H. Eagle. George F. Burgess.</p>	<p>TENNESSEE. Joseph W. Byrns. Lemuel P. Padgett. Thetus W. Sims. Finis J. Garrett. Kenneth D. McKellar.</p>
<p>Ezekiel S. Candler, jr. Thomas U. Sisson.</p>	<p>MISSISSIPPI. W. W. Venable. Percy E. Quin.</p>	<p>Joseph Howell.</p>	<p>TEXAS. James P. Buchanan. Robert L. Henry. John H. Stephens. James L. Slayden. John N. Garner. William R. Smith. James H. Davis. Jeff. McLeomore.</p>
<p>James T. Lloyd. William W. Rucker. Joshua W. Alexander. Charles F. Booher. William P. Borland. Clement C. Dickinson. Courtney W. Hamlin.</p>	<p>MISSOURI. Champ Clark. Jacob E. Meeker. William L. Igoe. L. C. Dyer. Joseph J. Russell. Thomas L. Rubey.</p>	<p>Frank L. Greene.</p>	<p>UTAH. James H. Mays.</p>
<p>Charles F. Reavis. Charles O. Lobeck. Dan V. Stephens.</p>	<p>MONTANA. John M. Evans.</p>	<p>William A. Jones. Edward E. Holland. Andrew J. Montague. Edward W. Saunders.</p>	<p>VERMONT. Porter H. Dale.</p>
<p>Cyrus A. Sulloway.</p>	<p>NEBRASKA. Charles H. Sloan. Ashton C. Shallenberger. Moses P. Kinkaid.</p>	<p>William E. Humphrey. Lindley H. Hadley. Albert Johnson.</p>	<p>VIRGINIA. Carter Glass. Charles C. Carlin. Henry D. Flood.</p>
<p>William J. Browning. Isaac Bacharach. John H. Capstick. Archibald C. Hart. Edward W. Gray.</p>	<p>NEVADA. E. E. Roberts.</p>	<p>M. M. Neely. George M. Bowers.</p>	<p>WASHINGTON. William L. La Follette. C. C. Dill.</p>
<p>Frederick C. Hicks. Chas. Pope Caldwell. Harry H. Dale. James P. Maher. Frederick W. Rowe. John J. Fitzgerald. Oscar W. Swift. Reuben L. Haskell. Daniel J. Riordan. Meyer London. Michael F. Farley. Michael F. Conry. Peter J. Dooling. John F. Carew. Thomas G. Patten. Walter M. Chandler. Isaac Siegel. Murray Hulbert.</p>	<p>NEW HAMPSHIRE. Edward H. Wason.</p>	<p>Henry A. Cooper. John M. Nelson. William H. Stafford. Michael K. Reilly. John J. Esch.</p>	<p>WEST VIRGINIA. Edward Cooper. Howard Sutherland.</p>
<p>John H. Small. Claude Kitchin. George E. Hood. Edward W. Pou. Charles M. Stedman.</p>	<p>NEW JERSEY. Richard Wayne Parker. Frederick R. Lehibach. John J. Eagan. James A. Hamill.</p>	<p>WYOMING. Frank W. Mondell.</p>	<p>SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.</p>
<p>Nicholas Longworth. Alfred G. Allen. Warren Gard. J. Edward Russell. Nelson E. Matthews. Charles C. Kearns. Simeon D. Fess. Isaac R. Sherwood. Robert M. Switzer. Edwin D. Ricketts.</p>	<p>NEW MEXICO. Benigno C. Hernandez.</p>	<p>Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, Hon. T. W. HARRISON, Member elect from the seventh congressional district of Virginia, is present, and would like to be sworn in.</p>	<p>The SPEAKER. The Chair will state to the House that the credentials of Mr. HARRISON, the Member elect to succeed Judge Hay, are on the Speaker's desk, and that they are regular in form. If anybody wants to see them, he can come up here and see them.</p>
<p>James S. Davenport. William W. Hastings. Charles D. Carter. Joseph B. Thompson.</p>	<p>NEW YORK. Henry Bruckner. William S. Bennet. James W. Husted. Edmund Platt. Charles B. Ward. James S. Parker. William B. Charles. Bertrand H. Snell. Luther W. Mott. Homer P. Snyder. Walter W. Magee. Norman J. Gould. Thomas B. Dunn. Henry G. Danforth. S. Wallace Dempsey. Charles B. Smith. Charles M. Hamilton.</p>	<p>Mr. HARRISON appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office prescribed by law.</p>	<p>Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, there are two newly elected Members of the House who are here without their credentials, one being Mr. HARRY C. WOODYARD, of West Virginia, elected to succeed Mr. Moss, who died, and the other Mr. STANLEY BENEDICT, of the tenth California district, elected to succeed Mr. Stephens, who resigned. I understand there is no contest or question in either case, and I ask unanimous consent that the two gentlemen be sworn in as Members, notwithstanding their credentials have not arrived.</p>

Messrs. WOODYARD and BENEDICT presented themselves at the bar of the House and took the oath of office prescribed by law.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Waldorf, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

Also:

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

And that in compliance with the foregoing resolution the Vice President had appointed as said committee Mr. KERN and Mr. GALLINGER.

Also:

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. JAMES P. CLARKE, late a Senator from the State of Arkansas and President pro tempore of the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bill of the following title:

H. R. 9856. An act granting to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Co., and to the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, and to the Manufacturers' Railway Co. permission to transfer certain rights of easement for railway purposes heretofore granted by the United States to the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad Co. and to the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, respectively.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives was requested:

S. 4667. An act for the relief of James Duffy;

S. 6670. An act authorizing the State of Montana to select other lands in lieu of lands in section 16, township 2 north, range 30 east, within the limits of the Huntley irrigation project and the ceded portion of Crow Indian Reservation in said State;

S. 6850. An act authorizing the transfer of certain retired Army officers to the active list; and

S. 5716. An act to establish the Mount McKinley National Park, in the Territory of Alaska.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina offers a resolution, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### House resolution 372.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed on the part of the House to join the committee appointed by the Senate to wait upon the President and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed as the committee on the part of the House Messrs. KITCHIN, FITZGERALD, and MANN.

#### NOTIFICATION OF THE SENATE.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York offers the following resolution, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### House resolution 373.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has appeared and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### HOUSE OF DAILY MEETING.

Mr. HENRY. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Texas offers a resolution, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### House resolution 374.

*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered the hour of daily meeting of the House of Representatives shall be 12 o'clock meridian.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leaves of absence were granted as follows:

To Mr. LEE, for 3 days, on account of illness.

To Mr. HENSLEY, indefinitely, on account of sickness in his family.

To Mr. TAYLOR of Arkansas, for 10 days, on account of important business.

To Mr. BEAKES, indefinitely, on account of illness.

To Mr. GRIFFIN, for 10 days, on account of illness.

To Mr. LAFEAN, for 10 days, on account of illness.

SIGNING AND APPROVAL OF BILLS PASSED AT THE LAST CONGRESS.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### House concurrent resolution 61.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That such bills and joint resolutions as passed both Houses at the last session of the Congress and which for want of time were either not presented to the two Houses for the signatures of their presiding officers, or, having been thus presented and signed, were not presented to the President for approval, be now enrolled as of this session of the Congress, reported for the signatures of the presiding officers of the two Houses, and presented to the President for his approval.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### RECESS.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House stand in recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from North Carolina asks unanimous consent that the House stand in recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m.) the House took a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTER RECESS.

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, the committee appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the two Houses had assembled and were ready to receive any communication he should be pleased to make to them beg leave to report that they have discharged that duty, and that the President says he will be pleased to deliver his message in person to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock in a joint session of the two Houses. I ask for the adoption of the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### House concurrent resolution 62.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 5th day of December, 1916, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The resolution was agreed to.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, the following leaves of absence were granted:

To Mr. BURKE, for 7 legislative days, commencing December 4, on account of important business.

To Mr. ROGERS, for 3 days, on account of illness.

#### STOCK-RAISING HOMESTEADS.

Mr. FERRIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H. R. 407) to provide for stock-raising homesteads, and for other purposes, disagree to the Senate amendments, and ask for a conference. The bill passed both the House and the Senate at the last session.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Oklahoma asks unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill H. R. 407, disagree to the Senate amendments, and ask for a conference. Is there objection?

Mr. MANN. Reserving the right to object, I think I know what the bills is; but will the gentleman state what it is and what the Senate amendments relate to?

Mr. FERRIS. It is the 640-acre grazing homestead bill. There are eight Senate amendments in all, some of no consequence, but one of them is far-reaching in its scope having to do with the preceding prior entry.

Mr. MANN. I have no objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER appointed as conferees on the part of the House Mr. FERRIS, Mr. TAYLOR of Colorado, and Mr. LENROOT.

#### DEATH OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER RIVERA.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, it is my painful duty to announce the death of the Hon. LUIS MUÑOZ RIVERA, who died in Porto Rico on the evening of Wednesday, November 15 last. Mr.



RIVERA's career was a very distinguished one. For the last six years he represented with marked ability the Island of Porto Rico as Resident Commissioner to the United States, and for the past 30 years he has been the undisputed leader of the Porto Rican people. I shall ask, Mr. Speaker, at some future time that a day be set apart when Members of this House may be afforded an opportunity to pay suitable tributes to the worth and character of this distinguished Porto Rican. In the meantime I send to the Clerk's desk a resolution, for which I ask present consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

House resolution 375.

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. LUIS MUÑOZ RIVERA, late Resident Commissioner from Porto Rico.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

THE LATE SENATOR JAMES P. CLARKE.

Mr. WINGO. Mr. Speaker, it is my painful duty to announce the death of the late senior Senator from the State of Arkansas, Mr. JAMES P. CLARKE, which occurred at his home in the city of Little Rock, Ark., since the Congress last met. I shall at some future time ask the House to set aside a day upon which we may pay tribute to his memory. At this time I offer the following resolution, which I send to the desk and ask to have read.

The Clerk read as follows:

House resolution 376.

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JAMES P. CLARKE, late a Senator of the United States from the State of Arkansas.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the deceased the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly, in accordance with the resolution (at 3 o'clock and 7 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, December 5, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, submitting report for the period, July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1916, both inclusive, and detailed statement of the expenditure of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives (H. Doc. No. 1379); to the Committee on Accounts and ordered to be printed.

2. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, submitting a list of reports to be made to Congress by public officers during the Sixty-fourth Congress (H. Doc. No. 1407); to the Committee on Accounts and ordered to be printed.

3. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a combined statement of the receipts and disbursements, balances, etc., of the Government during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916 (H. Doc. No. 1381); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a detailed report of the expenditures under appropriation "Preventing the spread of epidemic diseases," for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916 (H. Doc. 1408); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

5. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copy of communication from the Secretary of War of the 25th ultimo, submitting a proposed paragraph of legislation for inclusion in the sundry civil bill for the fiscal year 1915 (H. Doc. No. 1409); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the number of persons employed in meat inspection, the salary or per diem paid to each, where they have been or are employed, together with contingent expenses, for the period beginning July 1, 1915, and ending June 30, 1916 (H. Doc. No. 1410); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the proceeds of all sales of old material, condemned stores, supplies, and other public property for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, deposited and covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts (H. Doc. No. 1411); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a recommendation by the Auditor for the Post Office Department, modifying the estimates of appropriations for that office for the fiscal year 1918 (H. Doc. No. 1412); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, committees were discharged from the consideration of the following bills, which were referred as follows:

A bill (H. R. 4073) granting an increase of pension to Milton Ross; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 4565) granting an increase of pension to Fannie J. B. Kelly; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 4910) granting a pension to Charles F. Rich; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6251) granting a pension to Augustus O. Hartel; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 6702) granting an increase of pension to Warden J. Wilkins; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 8859) granting an increase of pension to Oscar Williams; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 9983) granting a pension to James A. Kelley; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 10793) granting an increase of pension to Luke R. Ford; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 10961) granting a pension to Frank Bradley; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 11013) granting a pension to Willis P. McCampbell; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 11175) granting an increase of pension to William F. McLean; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 11395) granting a pension to Angeline E. Holt; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 12064) granting a pension to Mary W. Taylor; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 14168) granting a pension to Margaret Butler; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 15502) granting an increase of pension to Siegmund Silberberg; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 15909) granting an increase of pension to Theodore Sinzig; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 17028) granting a pension to Sarah E. Thacker; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 17327) granting a pension to Christiana Fortner; Committee on Invalid Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill (H. R. 5521) granting a pension to James H. Buckner; Committee on Pensions discharged, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. RAKER: A bill (H. R. 17799) for the erection of a public building at the city of Auburn, State of California, and appropriating moneys therefor; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. SNELL: A bill (H. R. 17800) to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish two condemned cannon to the village of Port Henry, N. Y., for use at old Fort St. Frederick; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BRUCKNER: A bill (H. R. 17801) providing for the improvement of the Harlem River, New York City; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17802) providing for the Bronx River, New York City, improvement; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17803) providing for the completion of the Bronx River, New York City, improvement; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17804) providing for the Westchester Creek, New York City, improvement; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. TAGUE: A bill (H. R. 17805) to reclassify clerks at first and second class post offices and carriers in the City Delivery Service; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. MADDEN: A bill (H. R. 17806) to regulate the payment of salaries of post-office clerks in first and second class post offices and letter carriers in the City Delivery Service; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. SCULLY: A bill (H. R. 17807) appropriating money for the improvement of the Shrewsbury River, N. J., up to Red Bank, on the North Branch, and to Branchport, on the South Branch; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17808) for the erection of a Federal building for the United States post office at Red Bank, N. J.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17809) appropriating money for the improvement of the Raritan River, N. J.; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. STEENERSON: A bill (H. R. 17810) to aid navigation and control floods on the boundary waters of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota; to the Committee on Flood Control.

By Mr. VOLSTEAD: A bill (H. R. 17811) to aid navigation and control floods on the boundary waters of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. STEENERSON: A bill (H. R. 17812) providing for the free importation of seed wheat under certain conditions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17813) to authorize the appointment of women as rural carriers; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. PARK: A bill (H. R. 17814) to provide for the transfer of Early County from the western division of the northern district of Georgia to the Albany division of the southern district of Georgia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FITZGERALD: A bill (H. R. 17815) to fix the rates of postage on farm products and manufactured foodstuffs; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17816) to regulate the transportation in interstate commerce of cold-storage food; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17817) to conserve the food supply of the United States and to protect the people from extortionate prices by temporarily prohibiting the export of farm products, fish, game, and manufactured foodstuffs; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17818) to conserve the food supply of the United States and to protect the people from extortionate prices by empowering the President to suspend the exportation of farm products, fish, game, and manufactured foodstuffs; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. OVERMYER: A bill (H. R. 17819) to provide for the erection of a public building at Fostoria, Ohio; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. OLNEY: A bill (H. R. 17820) authorizing the Secretary of War to donate to C. M. Packard Post, No. 193, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, of Avon, in the county of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2 bronze or brass cannon or fieldpieces and 40 cannon balls; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. LINTHICUM: A bill (H. R. 17821) to authorize the coinage of 3-cent pieces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

By Mr. POWERS: A bill (H. R. 17822) to extend the provisions of the pension act of May 11, 1912, and the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by act of September 8, 1916, to the officers and enlisted men of all State Militia and other State organizations that rendered service to the Government during the Span-

ish-American War for a period of 90 days or more, and providing pensions for their widows, minor children, and dependent parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McKELLAR: A bill (H. R. 17823) to prohibit interstate shipments or transportation of certain food products; to define and to prohibit transportation and sale of adulterated or misbranded food products; to regulate traffic therein; to define and regulate cold storage; to regulate dealing in cold-storage food products; and to fix penalties for violation; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. POWERS: A bill (H. R. 17824) to extend the provisions of the pension act of May 11, 1912, and the act of April 19, 1908, as amended by act of September 8, 1916, to the officers and enlisted men of all State Militia and other State organizations that rendered service to the Union cause during the Civil War for a period of 90 days or more, and providing pensions for their widows, minor children, and dependent parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17825) recognizing the military service of and giving pensionable status under all pension laws of the United States to persons serving under United States officers as home guards, militia, teamsters, or other provisional troops or field employees during the Mexican War, the Civil War, or the Spanish-American War; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17826) granting a pension to teamsters, bridge builders, and railroad repairers who were in the service of the United States during the Mexican War or the Civil War; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17827) granting pensions to Army teamsters of the Mexican War or the Civil War; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HUMPHREY of Washington: A bill (H. R. 17828) making an appropriation for the construction of a dry dock at the Puget Sound Navy Yard; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. BRITTEN: A bill (H. R. 17829) for the conservation of alcohol in the manufacture of dealcoholized fermented beverages; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DUPRÉ: A bill (H. R. 17830) providing for the construction of an inland waterway from the Mississippi River to Bayou Teche, La.; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. RAKER: A bill (H. R. 17831) for the erection of a public building at the city of Redding, State of California, and appropriating moneys therefor; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. BACHARACH: A bill (H. R. 17832) to authorize the coinage of 2½-cent pieces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

By Mr. HULBERT: A bill (H. R. 17833) to appropriate \$500,000 for the improvement of East River, N. Y., with a view to securing a 35-foot channel from the Upper Bay through Hell Gate to Long Island Sound, thus giving two means of ingress to and egress from the navy yard, and enabling the largest ships of the Navy and commerce to enter and leave at all stages of the tide, and with a view to securing suitable approaches to the docks and piers; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17834) to appropriate \$250,000 for the further improvement of Harlem River, N. Y., with a view to continuing improvement of; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17835) authorizing a survey of Harlem River, New York City; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. PARK: A bill (H. R. 17836) for the acquisition of the site and the construction of a building for post-office purposes at Sylvester, in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17837) making an appropriation for the improvement of Flint River, Ga.; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17838) to increase the salaries of the United States district attorney and United States marshal for the southern district of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17839) to establish an agricultural plant, shrub, fruit, and ornamental tree, berry, and vegetable experimental station at or near the city of Colquitt, Miller County, Ga.; to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17840) to refund amount paid illegally for cotton tax, to be used in pensioning Confederate soldiers and widows of Confederate soldiers; to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17841) for the acquisition of a site and the construction of a building for post-office purposes at Camilla,



in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17842) to provide for a survey and estimate of cost of a canal connecting the waters of the Flint and Ocmulgee Rivers, in the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. TIMBERLAKE: A bill (H. R. 17843) to provide for the purchase of additional land and for the erection thereon of an addition to the post-office building at Boulder, Colo.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17844) to grant certain lands to the city of Boulder, Colo.; to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17845) to provide for the testing of underground water supply in Lincoln County, Colo.; to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands.

By Mr. FARR: A bill (H. R. 17846) authorizing the President of the United States to issue a provisional embargo upon wheat and wheat flour and the products of wheat; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. RUSSELL of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 17847) providing for the purchase of a site for the purpose of erecting a Federal building thereon in the city of Troy, county of Miami, State of Ohio, and appropriating the money therefor; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. SABATH: A bill (H. R. 17848) to secure information relative to food products stored in cold-storage warehouses; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. McLEMORE: A bill (H. R. 17849) to prevent the transportation in interstate commerce of any food products except meats and fruits that have been kept in cold storage for a period of more than 90 days; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HOWARD: A bill (H. R. 17850) to prohibit commerce in intoxicating liquors between the States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GALLIVAN: A bill (H. R. 17851) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to expend the sum of \$250,000 on an intensive study of infantile paralysis; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. LINTHICUM: A bill (H. R. 17852) to appropriate \$300,000 for the improvement of Baltimore Harbor, Md., and the approaches thereto; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. BOWERS: A bill (H. R. 17853) to provide for the erection of a public building at Philippi, W. Va.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. OLIVER: A bill (H. R. 17854) authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix, prescribe, publish, and enforce rules and regulations for the exchange, handling, and moving of cars on railroads engaged in the transaction of interstate business; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HULBERT: Resolution (H. Res. 377) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress as to the advisability of establishing transshipment ports, etc.; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. OLIVER: Resolution (H. Res. 378) directing the Secretary of War to report to the House all information he may now have relative to the matters referred to in the resolution herewith; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PARK: Resolution (H. Res. 379) to print 1,250 copies of the Soil Survey of Decatur County, Ga.; to the Committee on Printing.

Also, a resolution (H. Res. 380) to print 2,000 copies of the Soil Survey of Tift County, Ga.; to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. CARTER of Massachusetts: Resolution (H. Res. 381) to appoint a committee of nine members to investigate causes now prevailing for the high cost of living; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. LLOYD: Resolution (H. Res. 382) providing for session clerks for certain committees; to the Committee on Accounts.

Also, resolution (H. Res. 383) providing for clerks to certain committees of the House; to the Committee on Accounts.

Also, resolution (H. Res. 384) providing for the appointment of an additional page for the present session beginning December 4, 1916; to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. CARTER of Oklahoma: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 304) proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of the President and Vice President by direct vote of the people of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HILLIARD: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 305) authorizing the Government ownership of all interstate railroads un-

der certain conditions; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. CARTER of Oklahoma: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 306) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend the time for payment of the deferred installments due on the purchase of tracts of the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes in Oklahoma; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. EMERSON: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 307) to have the Secretary of Agriculture report on advisability to place an embargo on wheat, etc.; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. McCLINTIC: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 308) proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that the President and Vice President of the United States shall be nominated and elected by direct vote of the people of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SABATH: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 309) authorizing the Attorney General to make an immediate investigation to determine the unreasonable advances in the prices of food-stuffs, fabrics, paper, and fuel; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. CROSSER: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 310) proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of the President and Vice President by the people of the several States; to the Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress.

By Mr. LINDBERGH: Concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 63) for the appointment of a joint committee of Senate and House to investigate the effect of the present practice of international commerce upon our resources, supply, and prices, to report on or before February 20, 1917; to the Committee on Rules.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. ADAIR: A bill (H. R. 17855) granting a pension to Miranda Q. Moore; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17856) granting an increase of pension to Mary M. Scott; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17857) granting an increase of pension to Francis Berkheimer; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17858) granting an increase of pension to Childes B. Johnson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17859) granting an increase of pension to James Showers; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17860) granting an increase of pension to Jacob J. Cope; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ALLEN: A bill (H. R. 17861) granting an increase of pension to Zachariah Holland; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ASHBROOK: A bill (H. R. 17862) granting an increase of pension to Leonard Tressel; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET: A bill (H. R. 17863) granting an increase of pension to Theodore B. Torrens; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BOOHER: A bill (H. R. 17864) granting a pension to Oliver P. Jackson; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. BRITTEN: A bill (H. R. 17865) for the relief of Katherine Simon; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BROWNING: A bill (H. R. 17866) granting an increase of pension to William H. Tice; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CARTER of Massachusetts: A bill (H. R. 17867) granting an increase of pension to Lewis Seymour; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. COX: A bill (H. R. 17868) granting a pension to Jacob Himmelhaber; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17869) granting a pension to Elias Ellis; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CRAMTON: A bill (H. R. 17870) granting an increase of pension to Smith Ross; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17871) granting a pension to George Barber; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17872) granting an increase of pension to Elijah Campbell; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CULLOP: A bill (H. R. 17873) granting a pension to Fred Scruggs; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17874) granting an increase of pension to John T. Watson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DALE of New York: A bill (H. R. 17875) granting an increase of pension to Recarda L. Campbell; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.



By Mr. DENISON: A bill (H. R. 17876) granting an increase of pension to William M. Reid; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. DIXON: A bill (H. R. 17877) granting a pension to Charlotte Eckstine; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17878) granting a pension to James Wildman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE: A bill (H. R. 17879) for the relief of Archibald Craig; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. EAGAN: A bill (H. R. 17880) granting an increase of pension to Jane Grace; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17881) granting an increase of pension to Alfred A. Chaplin; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17882) granting an increase of pension to James E. Flynn; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17883) granting an increase of pension to Elsdon B. Stephens; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ESCH: A bill (H. R. 17884) granting an increase of pension to Silas D. Taylor; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. FULLER: A bill (H. R. 17885) granting an increase of pension to James W. Hester; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17886) granting a pension to Margaret E. Bradford; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GILLET: A bill (H. R. 17887) granting an increase of pension to Wallace Chamberlain; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEATON: A bill (H. R. 17888) granting a pension to William H. Brenner; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17889) granting a pension to Mary E. Rose; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17890) granting an increase of pension to Edward Barr; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17891) granting an increase of pension to Elias Yerger; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17892) for the relief of Elizabeth Bachman; to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17893) for the relief of James Boyd, deceased; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17894) for the relief of Alfred Trainer; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HILLIARD: A bill (H. R. 17895) granting a pension to Catherine Howland; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HULBERT: A bill (H. R. 17896) granting a pension to George W. Webster; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17897) granting an increase of pension to William McKean; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HULL of Iowa: A bill (H. R. 17898) granting an increase of pension to Oliver Shirkey; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17899) granting an increase of pension to George W. Stoker; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17900) granting an increase of pension to Richard R. Bigelow; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17901) granting an increase of pension to Emma M. Bledsoe; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17902) granting an increase of pension to Caleb A. Hesser; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17903) granting an increase of pension to Levy S. Moss; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17904) granting an increase of pension to Charles Walls; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17905) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mary J. Wilcox; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17906) granting an increase of pension to William M. Gosnell; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17907) granting a pension to Henry W. Grady; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. KEATING: A bill (H. R. 17908) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Watson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17909) granting a pension to Leon B. Huff; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island: A bill (H. R. 17910) granting an increase of pension to Ella E. Kenney; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17911) granting an increase of pension to John E. Whipple; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17912) granting an increase of pension to Charles O. Smith; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17913) granting an increase of pension to Marcel H. Poirier; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. KIESS of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 17914) granting a pension to Sirquet Grosjean; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17915) granting a pension to Rebecca Zellers; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17916) granting an increase of pension to James H. Goodrich; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17917) for the relief of Ephraim M. Beach; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. KINKAID: A bill (H. R. 17918) granting an increase of pension to George McByers; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17919) granting an increase of pension to Alexander W. Wells; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KREIDER: A bill (H. R. 17920) granting an increase of pension to Henry N. Yocum; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17921) granting an increase of pension to William Heller; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17922) granting an increase of pension to Frederick Hartman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LANGLEY: A bill (H. R. 17923) for the allowance of certain soldiers' claims, growing out of service in the Army, reported by the Court of Claims, known as travel-pay claims; to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17924) for the allowance of certain claims for back pay, growing out of service in the Army during the Civil War, as reported by the Court of Claims; to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17925) for the allowance of certain soldiers' claims, growing out of service in the Army during the Civil War, reported by the Court of Claims, known as claims for three months' extra pay and for bounty; to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17926) for the allowance of certain claims for difference in pay growing out of service in the Navy, as reported by the Court of Claims; to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17927) granting a pension to Leslie Higgins; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LAZARO: A bill (H. R. 17928) for the relief of Albert Tate; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17929) granting a pension to Richard Thrash; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LIEB: A bill (H. R. 17930) granting an increase of pension to Joshua J. Hunt; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LLOYD: A bill (H. R. 17931) granting an increase of pension to Martha E. Moore; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LOBECK: A bill (H. R. 17932) granting an increase of pension to Christine Horton; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17933) granting an increase of pension to Henry Ferster; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17934) granting an increase of pension to Oren N. Dibble; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17935) granting an increase of pension to William G. Richey; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17936) granting an increase of pension to Phillip Winckler; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McCracken: A bill (H. R. 17937) granting an increase of pension to Ella Taylor; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McFADDEN: A bill (H. R. 17938) for the relief of the heirs at law of L. L. Bosworth, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17939) for the relief of the widow of Lemuel L. Moody, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McGILLICUDDY: A bill (H. R. 17940) granting an increase of pension to James W. Achorn; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17941) granting an increase of pension to Ida F. Strout; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MCKENZIE: A bill (H. R. 17942) granting an increase of pension to Henry King; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17943) granting an increase of pension to Charles W. A. Reynolds; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MEEKER: A bill (H. R. 17944) for the relief of the widow of E. J. Seymour, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. MORIN: A bill (H. R. 17945) granting an increase of pension to Charles Young; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17946) granting an increase of pension to William H. Beltz; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. NEELY: A bill (H. R. 17947) granting an increase of pension to Minnie Schrader; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.



Also, a bill (H. R. 17948) granting an increase of pension to Barbaretta Weekly; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. NORTH: A bill (H. R. 17949) granting a pension to Deborah Sebring; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17950) granting a pension to Sarah A. Rosenberger; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17951) granting a pension to Joseph Neill; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17952) granting an increase of pension to John McDowell; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17953) granting an increase of pension to George W. Maxwell; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. OLNEY: A bill (H. R. 17954) granting a pension to Catherine M. Quinn; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17955) granting a pension to George R. Bowker; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17956) granting an increase of pension to Ira McLaughlin; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. OVERMYER: A bill (H. R. 17957) granting a pension to Albert W. Ankney; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17958) granting a pension to William B. Olds; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17959) granting a pension to Barbara Reineck; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17960) granting an increase of pension to Joseph W. Coy; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17961) granting an increase of pension to Lott Todd; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17962) granting an increase of pension to Oliver P. Huffman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17963) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Butler; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17964) granting an increase of pension to Franklin B. Grubb; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17965) granting an increase of pension to John Shoup; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17966) granting an increase of pension to John K. Gessner; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17967) granting an increase of pension to Demas L. Hill; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17968) granting an increase of pension to John Adams; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17969) granting an increase of pension to Francis Penny; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17970) granting an increase of pension to John M. Fesler; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17971) granting an increase of pension to Lewis Mesnard; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PARK: A bill (H. R. 17972) granting a pension to John T. Lowrey; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS: A bill (H. R. 17973) granting an increase of pension to James B. Erskine; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. POWERS: A bill (H. R. 17974) granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth Davis; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17975) for the relief of the heirs of Morgan Davidson; to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17976) granting an increase of pension to Thomas F. Clutts; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17977) granting an increase of pension to Thomas G. Mitchell; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17978) granting an increase of pension to Gideon P. Myers; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17979) granting an increase of pension to James F. Peters; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17980) granting an increase of pension to George Poff; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17981) granting an increase of pension to John R. Rice; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17982) granting an increase of pension to Joseph D. Thach; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17983) granting a pension to James H. Buckner; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17984) granting a pension to James H. Hornsby; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17985) granting a pension to John D. Hoskins; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17986) granting a pension to Ewel King; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17987) granting a pension to Thomas M. McDonald; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17988) granting a pension to Rebecca Martin; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17989) granting a pension to Bascum M. Meyers; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17990) granting a pension to Susan Murphy; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17991) granting a pension to John Sullivan; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17992) granting a pension to Gilbert Taylor; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17993) granting a pension to Isaac Townsend; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. RAUCH: A bill (H. R. 17994) granting a pension to Laura M. Miller; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17995) granting a pension to William A. Payne; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17996) granting an increase of pension to John Fitzsimmons; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17997) granting an increase of pension to Williamson S. Wright; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17998) granting an increase of pension to John F. Merritt; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 17999) granting an increase of pension to William Ducey; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18000) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Clouse; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18001) granting an increase of pension to George Smith; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18002) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Culbertson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18003) granting an increase of pension to Curtis Hoff; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RIORDAN: A bill (H. R. 18004) for the relief of Thomas Campbell; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. ROUSE: A bill (H. R. 18005) granting an increase of pension to Mary Klopp; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18006) granting an increase of pension to Alpheus L. Woodard; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RUSSELL of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 18007) granting a pension to Georgia Acuff; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18008) granting an increase of pension to James Chewning; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18009) granting an increase of pension to Bird C. Guffey; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18010) granting an increase of pension to Benjamin Johnson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18011) granting an increase of pension to Sylvester E. Stone; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18012) granting an increase of pension to Josiah Brewer; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18013) granting an increase of pension to Philip C. Cooter; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18014) granting an increase of pension to Joseph P. Case; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18015) granting an increase of pension to Henry Cutbirth; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18016) granting an increase of pension to Archibald W. Mayden; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18017) granting an increase of pension to Gaston P. Lingenfelter; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18018) granting an increase of pension to John A. Rice; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18019) granting an increase of pension to Edward H. Ridenour; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18020) granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Arnold; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18021) granting an increase of pension to Daniel F. Brown; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18022) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Creek; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RUSSELL of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 18023) granting an increase of pension to Tobias H. Foltz; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Michigan: A bill (H. R. 18024) granting an increase of pension to Alfred W. Marshall; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18025) granting an increase of pension to Edward N. Whitney; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SELLS: A bill (H. R. 18026) granting a pension to Tillie H. L. Weatherford; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18027) granting a pension to Peter Reno; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SHERWOOD: A bill (H. R. 18028) granting a pension to Oscar Johnson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18029) granting a pension to Elizabeth C. Wallace; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.



Also, a bill (H. R. 18030) granting a pension to Edgar M. Curtis; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18031) granting an increase of pension to John W. Watson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18032) granting an increase of pension to Samuel E. Keller; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18033) granting an increase of pension to Peter Roberts; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18034) granting an increase of pension to George T. Lowry; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18035) granting an increase of pension to Lewis H. Palmer; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18036) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of John W. Clark; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New York: A bill (H. R. 18037) granting an increase of pension to William H. Wright; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SNELL: A bill (H. R. 18038) granting a pension to William Brown, alias Daniel Mulligan; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18039) granting an increase of pension to John H. Rivers; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18040) granting an increase of pension to Charles A. Hitchcock; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18041) granting an increase of pension to Henry Allen; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18042) granting an increase of pension to Wellington Hay; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEELE of Iowa: A bill (H. R. 18043) granting an increase of pension to Samuel B. Shadle; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEENERSON: A bill (H. R. 18044) granting an increase of pension to Edwin Andrews; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18045) granting an increase of pension to Romanzo A. Coats; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEPHENS of Texas: A bill (H. R. 18046) for the relief of the heirs at law of L. M. Henry, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. STERLING: A bill (H. R. 18047) granting an increase of pension to Edwin H. Miner; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SULLOWAY: A bill (H. R. 18048) granting an increase of pension to Byron D. Brown; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18049) granting an increase of pension to Daniel Hough; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18050) granting an increase of pension to Willard W. Colburn; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18051) granting an increase of pension to James O. Harriman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18052) granting an increase of pension to Martin V. B. Wyman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18053) granting an increase of pension to Laura C. Whittier; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18054) granting an increase of pension to George W. Spaulding; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18055) granting an increase of pension to Sarah A. Manning; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SUTHERLAND: A bill (H. R. 18056) granting an increase of pension to Leander N. Thornberry, now known as Frank H. Reynolds; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18057) granting an increase of pension to Jacob P. Marling; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18058) granting an increase of pension to Enoch Roberts; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18059) granting an increase of pension to James W. Toothman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18060) granting an increase of pension to Lee J. Cochran; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18061) granting an increase of pension to Benjamin N. Satterfield; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18062) granting a pension to William P. Robinson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18063) granting an increase of pension to Oscar N. Greer; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18064) for the relief of John W. May; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. TIMBERLAKE: A bill (H. R. 18065) granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth Vitteto; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18066) granting an increase of pension to Charles L. Thompson; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TREADWAY: A bill (H. R. 18067) granting an increase of pension to William H. Cranston; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WARD: A bill (H. R. 18068) granting an increase of pension to Sarah E. Terwilliger; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18069) granting an increase of pension to Charles Michel; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WASON: A bill (H. R. 18070) granting an increase of pension to John F. Phillips; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Ohio: A bill (H. R. 18071) granting an increase of pension to G. C. Benard; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18072) granting an increase of pension to Albert F. Bennett; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 18073) granting an increase of pension to James V. Whitney; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER (by request): Memorial of National Consumers' League, of Springfield, Mass., in re labor conditions for women; to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. BARKLEY: Petition of sundry railroad employees for eight-hour law applying to them; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BENNETT: Memorial of Central Presbyterian Church, of New York City, against polygamy in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRITTEN: Petition of Bakers and Millers' Technical Club, of Chicago, Ill., favoring embargo on grains and supplies; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. CARTER of Massachusetts: Petition of C. A. Chadwick and others, of Newton, Mass., favoring embargo on exportation of coal; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, petition of City Councils of Lawrence and Framingham, Mass., favoring investigation into high cost of living; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. DALE of New York: Protest of sundry citizens against the suppression of Theodore Dreiser's "The Genius"; to the Committee on the Library.

Also, memorial of headquarters national association, Surviving Union Volunteer Officers of the Civil War, in re Senate bill 391 and House bill 386; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, memorial of Steel and Copper Plate Engravers' League of Boston, Mass., in re labor conditions; to the Committee on Labor.

Also, memorial of National Paint, Oil, and Varnish Association, indorsing the Stevens-Ashurst bill; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, memorial of Polish Societies of America, in re European war, with respect to position of Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, memorial of National Live Stock Shippers' Protective League, in re Railway conditions; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. DARROW: Memorial of Nurses' Registry Association of Colorado Springs, Colo., relative to Senate bill 6667, to incorporate American Nurses' Association; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. EAGAN: Petition of National Live Stock Shippers' Protective League, relative to law to regulate Interstate Commerce Commission; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. ESCH: Memorial of Wisconsin Retail Grocers and General Merchants' Association, favoring 1-cent postage; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. FULLER: Papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to James W. Hester; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany a bill granting a pension to Margaret E. Bradford; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GARNER: Petition of the National Live Stock Shippers' Protective League, favoring amending act to regulate commerce; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. MOORES of Indiana: Petitions of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, favoring suffrage for women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RAKER: Memorial of San Francisco Building Trades Council, urging investigation of the foodstuff situation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.



By Mr. SNYDER: Petitions of sundry citizens of the thirty-third New York congressional district, against woman-suffrage amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, petitions of regent of New York State Daughters of the American Revolution; Shenandoah Chapter, of Oneida County; and Schenectady Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for national park on the Oriskany (N. Y.) Battle Ground; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SULLOWAY: Petition of Asa Percy and others, of New Hampshire, asking that employees in the maintenance-of-way department of the railroads be given an eight-hour day; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

## SENATE.

TUESDAY, December 5, 1916.

The Chaplain, Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, day by day in blessed fellowship of service we come together in Thy name and for Thy glory. Forbid that our view of our daily task should end with consideration of the need of our earthly life. Justice and judgment have no measure of authority if they spring alone from earthly consideration. They are the habitation of Thy throne. We pray that in the conference held this day between coordinate branches of the Government there may be the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, that all things pertaining to our national welfare may have Thy sanction and reflect the purpose of the Divine mind. For Christ's sake. Amen.

LEBARON B. COLT, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island; MILES POINDEXTER, a Senator from the State of Washington; and JAMES W. WADSWORTH, Jr., a Senator from the State of New York, appeared in their seats to-day.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

### REPORTS OF SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement of receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916 (S. Doc. No. 556), which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, an account of all property, including stationery, belonging to the United States in his possession on the 4th day of December, 1916 (S. Doc. No. 557), which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

### REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the annual report of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 407) to provide for stock-raising homesteads, and for other purposes, asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and had appointed Mr. FERRIS, Mr. TAYLOR of Colorado, and Mr. LENROOT managers at the conference on the part of the House.

### SENATORS FROM ARKANSAS, INDIANA, AND MAINE.

Mr. ROBINSON. Mr. President, I present the credentials of WILLIAM F. KIRBY, elected a Senator of the United States from the State of Arkansas to succeed the late JAMES P. CLARKE, deceased. I ask that the credentials may be read.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I move that the credentials just received, together with all other credentials which may be presented, be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. GALLINGER. Mr. President, the credentials have not been read as yet. I do not think that a motion can be entertained to refer them.

Mr. REED. I had the floor.

Mr. GALLINGER. I make the point of order that the credentials have not been presented. The Senator from Missouri will then be recognized to make his motion.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The credentials will be read, and the Senator from Missouri will then be recognized.

Mr. REED. All right; I have no objection to that course. The credentials were read, as follows:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS,  
LITTLE ROCK.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

This is to certify that at a special election regularly called for the purpose and held on the 7th day of November, 1916, WILLIAM F. KIRBY was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arkansas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the unexpired term of six years ending on the 3d day of March, 1921.

Witness: His excellency our governor, George W. Hays, and our seal hereto affixed at Little Rock, Ark., this 18th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1916.

By the governor:

GEO. W. HAYS, Governor.  
EARLE W. HODGES,  
Secretary of State.

[SEAL.]

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I move that the credentials just presented, together with the credentials of all others elected to fill vacancies, be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. GALLINGER. I make the point of order that that motion is not in order until the other credentials have been read, if there are other credentials.

Mr. REED. Why not in order?

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will be compelled to sustain the point of order as to all that portion of the motion save as to these credentials. The Chair has no knowledge that there will be any others.

Mr. REED. I am not going to cavil with the Chair, but I know of no parliamentary rule which will cut the Senate off from its right to determine now what course shall be taken in any particular paper which may be presented. It is not worth discussing. I modify my motion and move that the credentials just read be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and I shall make a similar motion in reference to all credentials presented.

Mr. GALLINGER. The motion is undoubtedly in order.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on the motion of the Senator from Missouri to refer the credentials which have been read to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. SMOOT. Mr. President I have been looking up the precedents on the presentation of credentials showing the election of Senators from sovereign States and the action of the Senate on their presentation and I wish to call the attention of the Senate to what took place on March 5, 1903.

There was an extra session of Congress called by President Roosevelt. When the Senate met, after the reading of the proclamation of President Roosevelt convening Congress in extraordinary session, the President pro tempore at that time made this statement:

The Secretary will call the names of the newly elected Senators.

That was the first business that was in order. Then Mr. Hoar said:

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent before the names of the newly elected Senators are called, to make a statement in behalf of the chairman of Committee on Privileges and Elections, which it is important to the public to understand. It will take but a moment.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Massachusetts asks unanimous consent that he may make a statement in behalf of the chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.

Mr. CULLOM. I ask the chairman to allow me to present the credentials of Mr. HOPKINS, the Senator elect from the State of Illinois.

Mr. HOAR. I should like to make a statement before that is done.

Mr. CULLOM. The credentials of all the other Senators elect have been presented, and I should like to present the credentials at this time. It will take but a moment.

Mr. HOAR. I prefer to proceed with my statement.

Mr. CULLOM. Very well.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Massachusetts will proceed.

Mr. HOAR. The chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, the Senator from Michigan [Mr. Burrows], is obliged to be absent. He desired me to state in his behalf that he understands the orderly and constitutional method of procedure in regard to administering the oath to newly elected Senators to be that when any gentleman brings with him or presents a credential consisting of the certificate of his due election from the executive of his State he is entitled to be sworn in, and that all questions relating to his qualifications should be postponed and acted upon by the Senate afterwards.

If there were any other procedure the result would be that a third of the Senate might be kept out of their seats for an indefinite time on the presenting of objection without responsibility, and never established before the Senate by any judicial inquiry. The result of that might be that a change in the political power of this Government which the people desired to accomplish would be indefinitely postponed.

I make this statement at the request of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. Burrows].

Mr. President, at that time Mr. Hoar took the position that upon the presentation of the credentials of any Senator from a sovereign State it was the duty of the Senate to swear him in